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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 06530.0276

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Marc O. SCHURR et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3731
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Application No.: 09/957,451	)	Examiner: D. Erez
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Filed: September 21, 2001	)	
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For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR	)	Confirmation No.: 2507
FOLDING AND SECURING	)	
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**STATUS INQUIRY**

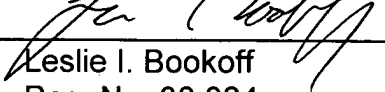
A Request for Continued Examination was filed in the above-identified application on August 22, 2007. Applicant has not received any communication from the Office since that filing date.

In view of these circumstances, please advise Applicant of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by Applicant is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 11, 2008

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